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INCLUDING ENDSTATIONS

Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

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PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME TO RESPOND
UNDER 37 C.F.R. 1.136(a)

Applicants hereby respectfully petition the
Commissioner of Patents and Trademarks to extend the time to
respond to the Office Action (Paper No. 3) dated **December 3,**
2003 for a period of **one (1)** month from **March 3, 2004** to and
including **April 3, 2004.**

Attached hereto is a responsive amendment and our
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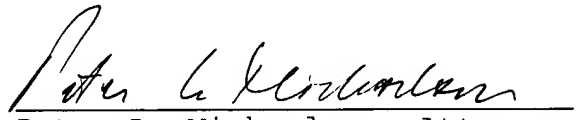
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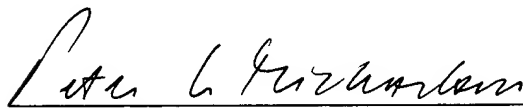
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